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PADUCAH, KENTUCKY, WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 28, 1898.

TEN CENTS A WEEK.

KILLED HIS FATHER

JOHN HENRY COLLINS FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER.

HE GOES TO PRISON FOR LIFE

He Was Episcopal Lay Reader, and Wanted the Money His Father Possessed.

By Telegram to The Sun.
TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 28.—The governor will not sign the death warrant of John Henry Collins. He will go to the penitentiary for life for killing his father.

John Henry Collins was a student at the State university and a licensed lay reader of the leading Protestant Episcopal church of Topeka. The motive of the crime was found in the youth's greed for the money which would come to him upon the death of his father. The father had carried \$25,000 of life insurance and it was provided that if this Collins was it, it was to be divided among his children. Collins was a wealthy man, and his father had been a lay reader of the church.

He came to Topeka from Lawrence, Kansas, and according to the theory of the case, he came there to stay. He was a lay reader of the church, and he was a student at the State university. He was a wealthy man, and his father had been a lay reader of the church. He was a student at the State university, and he was a lay reader of the church.

One of the youth's first acts after the murder was to run to a telegraph office and dispatch a message to his father. The message was: "Father is dead. Tell nothing." Collins had told his father that he was a student at the State university, and he was a lay reader of the church.

Murder in the first degree carries with it the death penalty in Kansas, but hanging is never enforced. Instead, the prisoner goes to the penitentiary for life or until the governor signs the death warrant, which is never done.

Largest Tobacco Farm.
The largest tobacco farm in Kentucky last season, according to popular reports, was that of J. C. Hamilton of "Edgewood" farm, in that county. Assisted by 100 tenants, he cultivated 460 acres of the "weed," and produced an average of 1,600 pounds of burley tobacco to the acre, making in the aggregate 600,000 pounds.

Outside the great plantations in Mexico and Cuba devoted to tobacco it is claimed this farm cultivates more tobacco than any other in the world. To think of 600,000 acres in one tract of tobacco is hard to imagine, but this has been the average acreage of these gentlemen at "Edgewood" for several years.

The farm on which this tobacco is raised is one of the largest in the state, and one of the finest as well, containing 5,000 acres, situated partly in Smith, Montgomery and Bourbon, three of the finest tobacco raising counties in the state.

Real Estate Deals.
Susan B. Phillips to Howard B. Phillips, residence and two lots for valuable considerations.
W. H. Parham to J. H. Ocheltree, one third interest in a tract of land lying near Paducah for \$5,000 and three near Paducah for \$5,000.

Sowell & King Lumber company to Annie Lee Cunningham, lot in Mechanicsburg, \$125.00.
Henry E. Hill to Virginia Higgins, tract of land, \$1,000.
T. H. Marshall to Elias Harris, tract of land \$100.

Alice N. White deeds to J. W. McKnight, certain property near the city and the latter in consideration deeds other property in the county. Miss Elizabeth Morris, of Hopkinsville, is visiting Mrs. W. F. Bradshaw on West Broadway.

Cutting Affray at Golconda.
News of a perhaps fatal cutting affray at Golconda, Ill., reached the city last night. Attorney Beach, a prominent lawyer, was fatally cut by a man from the county, whose name was not known. It is said that they had a disagreement with lawyers over the county, and the lawyer attacked the countryman first, cutting him on the neck. The latter then drew a knife and slashed Beach several times, breaking the blade off in his neck. At last account he was not expected to live.

Notice.
Sealed bids will be received at the mayor's office until noon Monday, January 2, 1899, for caring for and keeping in repair the city clocks. The city reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
JAS. M. LANG, Mayor.

A FRESH LOT
—OF—
NUNNALLY'S CANDY
RECEIVED TODAY.
1-2 Pound, 30c.
1 Pound, 60c.
2 Pounds, \$1.20
See our Decorated Baskets before placing your Christmas order.

McPherson's DRUG STORE
212 BROADWAY

NORRI GRAND CONCERT.

A Musical Treat at Morton's Opera House.

IN HIS OWN BEHALF

CITY COUNSELOR LIGHTFOOT EXPLAINS SOME ABOUT THAT REPUDIATED DEBT

He insists That He Was Acting Only According to the Terms of Law.

EXCITEMENT OVER ELECTION

THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Trimbale and Thompson are Hot at It—A Goebel Law Incident.

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FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 28.—Excitement is at fever heat over the democratic primary today to choose a candidate for the legislature from Franklin county.

The race between Trimbale and Thompson is very warm and friends of both men are working like trojans. Both Trimbale and Thompson are claiming everything in sight, and it is impossible at this hour to make a prediction as to who will be successful. The election so far has been peaceful, no fights having occurred.

The fact that this race exposed the trickery of the Goebel election law, through a letter written by Trimbale to Thompson, denouncing the law, gives it interest.

INSURGENTS NOW IN ILLINOIS

Captured the Island Ahead of American Forces.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Gen. Otis cables that the insurgents captured Iloilo ahead of the American forces. The Spanish are fleeing.

Gen. Otis will immediately demand a surrender from the insurgents, but serious complications are now feared.

SHOT IN THE BACK.

John Hill, colored, was shot in the back and seriously injured at the home of Joe Buchanan, near Maxon's Mills, Monday night, by Bryant Overstreet, colored.

Both are tenants of the Buchanan place. Hill went to Overstreet's shanty in an intoxicated condition, broke down the door and was enjoying himself throwing the furniture out at the door when Overstreet arrived. Hill ran and Overstreet gave chase with a pistol, shooting the fleeing darky in the back as he ran. Overstreet was arrested.

A GREAT ATTRACTION.

The following telegram was received this morning by Manager Fletcher Terrell, of the opera house, from Werner and Tuchsfield, managers of the opera house at Jackson, Tenn:

JACKSON, Tenn., Dec. 28.—Fletcher Terrell, Manager Opera House, Paducah: Norri Concert company delighted a large audience last night. Performance unexcelled.

ASK FOR DAMAGES.

A. M. Foreman & Co. Sue Mr. Given Campbell, St. Louis.

A. M. Foreman & Co., former proprietors of the Log Cabin saloon, today through Bishop & Hendrick, filed suit in the circuit court against Mr. Given Campbell, of St. Louis, who owns the building formerly occupied by the Log Cabin. The suit asked is \$250,000 damages.

SENATOR MORRILL DEAD.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The Hon. Justin S. Morrill, the venerable senator from Vermont and patriarch of that body, died at 1:25 o'clock this morning of grip, complicated with a touch of pneumonia. He had been ill only a short while.

Masonic Election.

The following officers were last night elected by Paducah Lodge P. M. A. M. Fred Acker, master; John T. Sanders, senior warden; Edward Nance, junior warden; Dr. J. T. Reddick, treasurer; Charles Holliday, secretary; an O. J. T. Wolbert, Tyler. Capt. W. R. Krans retires as master after serving four years. The installation occurs tonight.

Work of Improvement.

The East Tennessee Telephone company is placing new poles where old ones have rotted away, and has begun the construction of a storage and work room building on its new ground near Fourth and Court.

Low Rate to New Orleans.

On account of the annual meeting of the Southern Education Association, the Illinois Central Railroad company will sell tickets to New Orleans and return on Dec. 29th, 25th and 26th, at one fare plus \$2.00, good to return until Jan. 5th.

J. T. DONOVAN.
Mr. Clarence Channing is spending the holidays at Mechanics.

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